



County of San Luis Obispo, California

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

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### **COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Parks and Recreation Department / Shaun Cooper, 781-4388

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to accept \$172,000 in grant funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the Avila Beach to Harford Pier Pathway project.

**DATE:** 8/28/2014

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept a \$172,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and approve a budget adjustment, for the Avila to Harford Pier Pathway project.

#### **Discussion:**

The Avila to Harford Pier Pathway Project will provide off street, non-motorized transportation access and extraordinary coastal views between the community of Avila Beach and Harford Pier. See the attached vicinity map for the exact project location. Currently the only access between the two points is via Avila Beach Drive.

As a portion of the California Coastal Trail, the intent of the Avila Beach to Harford Pier Trail Connector is to provide:

- (1) A pedestrian corridor along the ocean,
- (2) Bicycle access separated from the street and motor vehicles,
- (3) Improved access for those with disabilities, and
- (4) Protected areas to view the beach and ocean between Avila Beach and Harford Pier.

In addition to people walking and biking from Avila Beach to the pier, the proposed trail would also augment coastal access along the proposed route. This project is identified in the 2006 SLO County Parks and Recreation Element and the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The proposed corridor is an important segment of the California Coastal Trail

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Office of Spill Prevention and Response awarded County Parks a \$172,000 grant, from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, for the construction phase of the Avila to Harford Pier project. The preliminary opinion of probable construction costs, for this project, will be determined as part of the design process.

**Other Agency Involvement:**

This project development involves consultation and coordination with various local, state and federal agencies. These agencies include but are not limited to: SLO County Public Works; SLO County Planning and Building Department; Avila Valley Advisory Council; California State Parks; Port San Luis Harbor District; California Coastal Commission; California Coastal Conservancy; and Cal Poly.

**Financial Considerations:**

Funding for the preliminary design, environmental studies and permits is being provided by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Company. In fiscal year 2006/07, PG&E provided \$300,000 to County Parks as part of their steam generator replacement permit. The \$172,000 grant, from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will be used for the construction phase of the project.

The preliminary opinion of probable construction costs, for this project, will be determined as part of the design process. County Parks will seek additional grant funding to proceed with future phases of the project including construction. The timing for construction is uncertain due to potential unknown project constraints and unidentified construction funds.

**Attachments**

1. Attachment 1 - Vicinity Map